

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MORTUARY IN AIIMS
AJAY CHAKRABORTY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the mortuary in the AIIMS is in a very bad condition and the deep freezer was out of order for a long time;
- (b) if so, since when the deep freezer was not working and the reason for not repairing/replacing the same; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to keep clean and maintain properly the mortuary of such a prestigious Hospital in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (c) As per the information provided by All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), the Institute has one walk-in type of Cold room which is maintained by Engineering Services Department of AIIMS. In addition, the Institute has two cold storage cabinets that are not functioning optimally for last few months. Efforts are on to finalise the Annual Maintenance contract for regular maintenance and upkeep of these cold storage cabinets. The Institute has no deep freezer.